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## **Judge Meredith A. Jury Reappointed to Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit has reappointed United States Bankruptcy Judge Meredith A. Jury of Riverside, California, to the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, or BAP, which resolves appeals arising out of bankruptcy court decisions in the western states.

Judge Jury was appointed to a seven-year term on the BAP in 2007. Her reappointment is for a term of three years, effective July 31, 2014.

Judge Jury, 66, has served on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California since 1997. Prior to coming onto the bench, she had practiced with the law firm of Best Best & Krieger in Riverside from 1976 to 1996.

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Judge Jury earned her undergraduate degree in 1969 from the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. She received an M.A. and M.S. from the University of Wisconsin in 1971 and 1972, respectively. She received her J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law in 1976.

Judge Jury has been an active member of a number of community organizations and has an extensive list of achievements as a lecturer, panelist and moderator for a number of local and national educational forums.

The BAP is based in the Richard H. Chambers U.S. Court of Appeals Building in Pasadena, California. The BAP typically handles between 49 percent and 60 percent of all bankruptcy appeals originating out of bankruptcy courts throughout the Ninth Circuit (district courts hear the remainder).

The BAP was established in 1979 by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit as an alternative forum for hearing bankruptcy appeals. Since then, it has disposed of more than 15,000 cases, including more than 5,000 decided on the merits. New appeals filed numbered 942 in fiscal year 2013.

BAP judges serve a term of seven years and are eligible for a 3-year extension. Other bankruptcy judges from around the circuit also serve on appellate panels on a pro tem basis.

The Ninth Circuit was the first federal circuit to establish a bankruptcy appellate panel. Other circuits with bankruptcy appellate panels are the First, Sixth, Eighth and Tenth circuits. For more information, visit: <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/bap/>.

The U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit consists of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the federal district and bankruptcy courts in 15 judicial districts serving nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions.

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